

IN RE STATE RIGHTS AND CANAL PLANS

Fight Results in Showdown Between the Offices of Attorney General and the Governor.

Columbia, Oct. 17.—The fight started by The Charleston American to enforce the rights of the state of South Carolina in regard to the Columbia canal has resulted in a show-down between the offices of the attorney general and the governor of the state. When asked for the correspondence this afternoon, it was stated at the governor's office that Governor Manning was out of the city, and that the matter could not be given out during his absence. Attorney General Peoples said that as a matter of courtesy to the governor he felt that any statement in regard to the correspondence should come from Mr. Manning's office.

His Duties.

Unofficially, it is known that on October 10 Attorney General Peoples, in view of the agitation in The Charleston American, addressed a letter to Governor Manning, calling attention to certain measures which it was attempted to get through the last legislature, and that in the course of his communication to the governor, the attorney general said:

"I most seriously doubt whether I have, under these resolutions, any power to take the preliminary steps which are necessary before commencing an action to assert the right of the state which has arisen by violation, by the purchase of the canal property, of the conditions contained in the act, and it seems to me that I can not well proceed in the courts without some specific action on the part of the legislature, for the resolution which has been passed does not sufficiently cover the case. I do not find that within the powers given me by the statutes I can adequately assert and, enforce the right of the state and compel the performance by the purchasers of the duties imposed by the canal acts. The present resolution not being as full as it should, it has occurred to me that under section 712, of volume 1, that a direction from you in the premises might be sufficient. Whether the state shall insist upon the terms of the contract made with regard to the completion of the canal, is one of policy to be determined by the general assembly. At the same time, as governor of the state and as part of the law-making department, any direction from you would determine my action until the general assembly shall declare a definite course to be pursued."

The attorney general's letter, it is learned, covers five closely typewritten pages, in which the rights of the state and the duty of the governor's office, as well as the attorney general's office, are fully and concisely set forth. It was impossible to secure either from the attorney general or from the governor this afternoon an official copy of the governor's reply, but it is understood that it reads somewhat as follows:

The Reply.

"Hon. Thos. H. Peoples, Attorney General, Columbia, S. C.—Dear Sir: Your letter on the 10th inst. has been received with recognition to the concurrent resolution of Mr. LaGrone and the resolution of Senator Williams, both concerning the Columbia canal.

"You give as your opinion that the 'concurrent resolution of Mr. LaGrone has not only no force of law, but does not express the sentiment of the general assembly, as the same did not pass, looking at it, of course, from purely and simply a legal point of view, and that you are further of the opinion that the resolution of Senator Williams 'has no force of law,' and would not justify you in proceeding in the courts to enforce the right of the state, standing alone.

"In view of your opinion, as above expressed, I would not feel warranted in giving my direction of this matter; and it seems to me that the course to pursue would be to make a report to the general assembly, which you state it is your intention to make."

It is expected that this correspondence will create a local sensation here, as the matter is one which will occupy a great deal of the attention of the approaching session of the general assembly. As stated, it has not been given out officially either from the governor's office, or from the attorney general's office, but the facts are absolutely correct.

This canal question was an issue in the last gubernatorial campaign. Former Governor Blease and Senator

McLaurin urging the rights of the state in various campaign speeches throughout South Carolina.

The whole question is whether or not the right of the state shall be enforced in the matter. That was what Mr. Blease and Senator McLaurin urged the past summer, and that is what Attorney General Peoples put up to Governor Manning, and what Governor Manning has turned down.

NEWBERRY DOWNED YOUTHFUL CADETS

The Record.

Newberry College, Newberry, Oct. 21.—One of the hardest fought football games ever witnessed on the home grounds was won by the Indians here yesterday when Newberry defeated Chick Springs by a score of 18 to 7. The Chick Springs team put up a fight such as the best college teams in the State put up, but the steady Newberrians were not to be tampered with.

The feature of the Chick Springs bunch was three pep and hard fighting in the first quarter of the game. Hines deserves credit for his timely fighting. For Newberry, Taylor, Styles, Renken and Delmin showed up in some sensational work, while the work of the whole line was noticeable.

The line up:

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| Newberry. | Chick Springs. |
| Williams.....RE..... | Moore |
| Styles.....RT..... | Hanes |
| Wessinger.....RG..... | Wilson |
| Brooks.....C..... | Athon |
| Nickles.....LG..... | Powe |
| Motsch.....LE..... | Thompson |
| Delmin.....QB..... | McCoy |
| Taylor.....LH..... | Hines |
| Kennedy.....RH..... | Page |
| Gotschel.....FB..... | Townsend |

Substitutions: Newberry, Moyer for Williams. Officials: Van Metre, Kentucky State; Hipp, Citadel; Setzler, Newberry.

Dickert-McConnell.

The marriage of Miss Kate Dickert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dickert, to James Louis McConnell of Georgetown, was solemnized at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, 2401 Main street. A large gathering of friends were present and the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Estes of Union; Mrs. Suber of Newberry, Mrs. V. I. Clifton of Charleston, Miss Lucile Dickert of Newberry, Miss Bertie McConnell of Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith of Union and Misses Cannon and Peatty of Georgetown.

The guests were met by Dr. Mary Liles Simms and Mrs. J. C. Elliott. In the receiving line in the reception room were Mrs. J. R. Dickert, Mrs. Dan Smith, Miss Louise Dickert, Mrs. Thomas Estes, Mrs. Suber and Mrs. V. L. Clifton.

Mrs. Herbert Jolly of Union, a sister of the bride, entered first, carrying pink carnations. Then the bride, entering with her father, was met at the altar by the bridegroom, with his best man, Mr. Browning of Georgetown. The Rev. Henry J. Cautchen of Georgetown, assisted by the Rev. D. W. Keller of Columbia, officiated.

The large reception room was decorated with smilax, ivy, ferns, goldenrod and large yellow chrysanthemums. The yellow scheme was carried out in all the decorations. The improvised altar was made of graceful ferns, goldenrod and cut flowers. Back of this altar was the bower, from which Miss Bertie McConnell, sister of the bridegroom, presided at the piano and timed the approach of the wedding party with the wedding march.

In the long hall, decorated in smilax and cut flowers, was a punch bowl, presided over by Miss Inez Bearden and Joe Martin and there the wedding presents were displayed. In the dining room the decorations were less elaborate but not less artistic. On the table was a crystal bowl of beautiful ferns and cut flowers set in the middle of a handsome hand painted centrepiece.

Serving a delightful salad and sweet course were Mrs. Baggot, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Elliott and Mrs. Bearden.

The bridegroom is a successful young business man of Georgetown. The bride is popular with a wide circle of friends by whom she will be sincerely missed. She wore a tailored suit of dark blue broadcloth, trimmed in gray fur, with hat and shoes to match. Her bouquet was of bride roses and maiden hair ferns. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for a bridal trip of several days, after which the will be at home in Georgetown.

WILL TAKE MATTER TO THE PRESIDENT

Friction Between Agents Under Smith-Lever Act and State Agricultural Departments.

Columbia, Oct. 17.—Hidden under the surface of the statement issued this morning by E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina, and president of the National Association of the Commissioners of Agriculture, for the meeting of the executive committee of that body in Washington on Friday of next week, the 28th, are smouldering antagonisms which may at any time burst into one of the biggest political battles involving the State Rights that has swept the United States in some years.

The friction between the agents working under the Smith-Lever extension act and the departments of agriculture of the various States has been apparent for sometime. While nothing has been given to the public it is known that the matter has been taken to Secretary Houston of the Department of agriculture by the commissioners of agriculture, but that official has either been powerless to do anything or ignored the complaints of the various State officials. Seeing that there was no hope of getting any action from the head of the Agricultural Department the commissioners of agriculture are now going to take the matter direct to the President at Shaw-Lawn.

Watson's Reasons.

Commissioner Watson in his statement as to why he had called the meeting of the executive committee said that "there has arisen lack of co-operation between federal State agents a number of whom are not natives and are unfamiliar with local conditions, and the executive branches of the State governments. On in his statement occurs this highly significant part: "The elective heads of these executive departments, represents the masses of the people, deplore this tendency, and feel that great good to the nation can come from the provisions of the Smith-Lever act when its operation is confined to the avowed purpose of the act as expressed in its own terms, and operated in full co-operation with all agencies in the several States."

Commissioner Watson in his guarded statement as to the reasons moving the commissioners of agriculture of the various States to take their grievances to the President, says: "The members of the association for some time have felt that it was the part of wisdom to talk the matter over with President Wilson, disclaiming any political significance in the whole affair."

Asked specifically if there was any friction between the federal agents in this State, the various county demonstration men under Prof. W. W. Long, of Clemson College, and his department, Col. Watson said he had nothing to do in this matter, that the request for the meeting in Washington had come from other States. "If there is any need for the matter I can take care of myself," said the commissioner of agriculture, declining to be brought into a discussion of the situation in South Carolina.

Questions People Are Asking.

"Are the federal agents trying to encroach on or sidetrack the various State agricultural departments? Are they 'butting in' on matters with which they are not concerned and above all is the charge, often before made and broadly hinted at, indirectly, in the call for the executive committee meeting of the State commissioners of agriculture, that the Smith-Lever agents, constitute a big political machine which constantly are wrapping themselves around State politics, true?" are some of the questions which the public has in mind and which they would like to see answered, as one well known man said here this morning. "Turn on the light," said this observer, who appeared to be on the "inside" of the matter.

If the commissioners of agriculture cannot get their grievances redressed by the President they may go to Congress. This is mere supposition, but observers here this morning were pointing this out as the only logical thing to do.

That there has been friction and resentment over this situation has been known to those close in touch with the situation for some time.

(Whether there will be a "kick back" from Washington to South Carolina politics over this matter remains to be seen. Congressman Lever, one of the authors of the Smith-Lever Extension Act, is thought to be grooming for the United States Senate two years hence and this situation is full of political dynamite.

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TEUTONS DEAL BLOWS UPON THREE FRONTS

Strike in France, Galicia and Dobruja With Some Success.

In France, Galicia and in the Dobrudja region of Roumania armies of the central powers have successfully taken the offensive against their opponents. They also are holding the entente allies in check in northern Macedonia and are continuing the fighting on the Transylvania-Roumania frontier.

Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, assuming the initiative on the Somme front, in France, has, according to the Berlin war office, recaptured from the British the greater part of the positions won from the Germans October 18 between Ancyron l'Abbaye and Le Barque, between the Poziers-Bapaume road and toward Beaumont. The Germans also have successfully withstood British attacks near Courrelette and LeSars and on the Poziers-Bapaume road. Paris reports only artillery activity on the Somme front, but London chronicles the repulse, with heavy casualties of a German attack in the Thiepval region.

On the eastern front the Teutonic forces have stormed Russian positions on the left bank of the Narayuvka river, southwest of Lemberg, and held the conquered ground against counterattacks. Fourteen officers and 2,050 men and 11 machine guns were taken here by Prince Leopold's troops.

In Volhynia the fighting continues with varying results, both the Austro-Germans and the Russians claiming repulses of attacks on various sectors. To the north of Kiselin a stubborn battle is being waged with no decision having yet been reached.

Field Marshal von Machensen again has resumed his drive toward the Constanza-Bucharest railroad in Dobrudja. While Berlin reports the going their as "livelier," Bucharest admits that the Roumanian left wing along the Black sea coast has been thrown back. Petrograd reports that the Teutonic attacks were repulsed with heavy losses and that the battle continues.

The Roumanian armies are fighting hard to drive the troops of the central powers back through the frontier passes into Transylvania. Bucharest reports the beginning of an offensive in the Oltuz valley northeast of Kronstadt, and the taking of Mount Surul, east of the Rothenthurn pass, south of Hermannstadt. Attacks in the Bran defile and the Trotus, Uzul and Alt valleys were repulsed by the Roumanians.

While Paris says the Servians have captured the town of Velyezelo north of Brod, in the region marked by the bend in the Cerna river in southern Serbia, Berlin declares the offensive there has come to a halt before the stand of the forces of the Central powers.

Violent fighting continues on Monte Pasubio, in the Trentino region, with Rome and Vienna both claiming slight successes.

German submarines operating in the Mediterranean have sunk two British ships bound for Saloniki with supplies. The sinking of three other vessels, two of them of neutral nationality, by German u-boats is reported from London.

His Prayers Were Answered

We were living in the southwest. For weeks and months we had had no rain. Every day big, promising-looking clouds rolled up, broke apart and drifted away. Streams were dried up, vegetation was burning and life was well-nigh unbearable to man and beast. From twelve to eighteen inches of sand and dust covered the highways; gnats made life hideous; heat parched our skin and throats. Rain was the only relief and rain we did not get. Every night at bedtime four-year-old Robert on bended knees by his little white bed asked God: "Please don't forget to send a nice, cool rain."

One day the big black clouds rolled up as usual, but we noticed that they were all fringed with green. Pretty soon a big wind sprang up and leveled small houses and barns, broke down trees and scattered chickens, ducks, straw and haystacks all over the country. A big hail followed the wind and then came the rain—a perfect deluge! Streams rose clear out of their banks and the water came creeping over the fields and toward the houses and cattle pens; pretty soon it had flooded the yard and was nearly to the door.

Small Robert took a survey of the situation and then in a small, frightened voice said: "Daddy, don't blame it all on me. God had ought to knowed a small kid like me didn't need such an awful big rain."—Denver News.

Small For It's Size.—A diminutive dog that had been presented to the late Congressman Legare, of South Carolina, was the cause of much astonishment on the part of a native mountaineer.

Legare was taking the tiny dog home, says the Philadelphia Telegraph, when the mountaineer stopped him.

"Are it a regular dog?" the man asked.

"Yes, it's a Ch— Well, I can't pronounce it's name, but it's some kind of a Mexican dog."

"Just a pup I reckon."

"No, it's full grown."

"Well," opined the mountaineer, shaking his head, "that's the least dog I ever seen at one time."

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